

I-5 – South King County Projects Update

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Federal Way I-5 Lane and Shoulder Closures

Northbound I-5, Monday through Thursday nights (May 9-12)

- Two lanes will be closed from **S. 375th Street to Highway 18**. The first lane closes at 7 p.m., the second at 10 p.m. Both lanes reopen by 5 a.m. each morning.
- Three lanes will be closed from **S. 320th Street to Military Road**. The first lane closes at 6 p.m., the second at 7 p.m. and the third at 11 p.m. All lanes reopen by 5 a.m. each morning.

Southbound I-5 – No scheduled lane closures this week.

Drivers should expect **daytime shoulder closures** on I-5 from S. 320th Street to the Pierce County Line while crews install high visibility and silt fence.

Federal Way I-5 Weekend Pavement Replacement

This past weekend crews completely removed and replaced 52 badly damaged, 40-year old concrete panels on southbound I-5 between Highway 18 and the Pierce County Line. Southbound I-5 was reduced to two lanes all day Saturday. We completed the project 30 hours ahead of the original estimated schedule, reopening all lanes late Saturday night.

Several factors contributed to the early completion of this work:

- our contractor Icon Materials' aggressive approach (additional crews and equipment)
- prep work before the weekend
- the good condition of the area beneath the surface, which prevented time-consuming repairs and allowed the contractor to start pouring concrete earlier
- smooth progress on concrete pouring

Crews finished pouring the concrete just after 10 a.m. Saturday morning. We started saw cutting newly poured pavement around 3 p.m. and completed applying lane markings around 6 p.m. After the new concrete cured and hardened, crews tested it to make sure the surface was strong enough to carry the average weekday traffic load of more than 85,000 vehicles. Motorists began driving on the new, smooth panels at 11 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, please visit the [I-5 HOV Widening Web site](#).

Seattle I-5 Weekend Pavement Replacement

Crews completed the first weekend of southbound I-5 pavement replacement in downtown Seattle April 22-25. However, forecasts of cold, wet weather have postponed plans for continuing this construction during three weekends in April. We have now designated the weekends of May 13 - 16, May 20 - 23 and June 17-20 for this work and related ramp and lane closures. If the work must be postponed again, we will add the weekend of June 24-27 to our construction schedule.

For the latest information on these closures, weather delays or other late-breaking news, please visit the [James to Olive paving project Web site](#). There you can also sign up for e-mail updates specific to I-5 in Seattle.

Construction Update: Federal Way Transit Center

This Thursday, May 12, crews working for Sound Transit will pour the last of the concrete for the new, five-story parking garage at the new Federal Way Transit Center (S. 317th Street, just west of I-5). Crews have completed the large water detention vault on the transit center site.

Upcoming work includes grading and shaping the bus-only area on the south side of the garage, and installing stairways and elevators in the garage structure.

For more information, please visit Sound Transit's [Federal Way Transit Center construction Web site](#).

Construction Update: I-5 - S. 317th HOV Direct Access

Last week, crews poured concrete for the deck of the S. 317th bridge. We are removing old southbound I-5 pavement next to the S. 320th exit and preparing to place new concrete there. Crews are also building one of the retaining walls that will support the new direct access ramps in the I-5 median.

Please visit our Web site to view the [latest I-5 - S. 317th construction photos](#).

Construction Update: I-5 HOV Widening

Last weekend, crews replaced 52 concrete panels on southbound I-5 (see above). We have also been grinding pavement on northbound I-5 between S. 375th and Highway 18, and we are clearing and excavating for new detention ponds in the project area.

You can view construction photos on our [I-5 HOV Widening photos page](#).

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov.

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